

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 9 and 17-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 18 has been added.

No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Support for new claim 18 can be found, for example, on page 11, lines 12-24 of the specification.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3, 9 and 17-18 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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